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Applicant: Murata
Serial No.: 09/624,955
Filed: July 25, 2000
Title: DIGITAL COPIER WITH IMAGE SCANNER APPARATUS AND OFFLINE IMAGE...

Examiner: Unknown TLA MB
Group Art Unit: 2722 2622
Docket: 10873.108USD3

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 6 Reference(s)
- ☒ Return postcard

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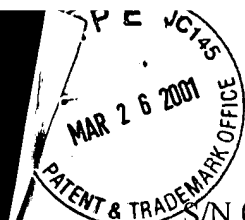
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(c))

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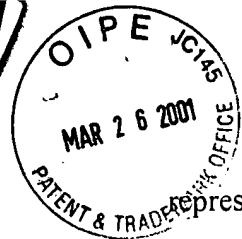
Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Applicants hereby bring attention to the Examiner that he has co-pending applications Serial No. 09/064,367, filed April 22, 1998, and Serial No. 09/064,447, filed April 22, 1998. The references cited were cited in the afore-mentioned case.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not



represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 23, 2001

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